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1. DESPITE PREDICTIONS OF POSSIBLE BREAKTHROUGH CONTAINED IN REFTELS LNG NEGOTIATIONS APPEAR TO HAVE REMAINED ON DEAD CENTER TODAY. IN FACT EXCEPT FOR A TECHNICAL SESSION, THERE WERE NO MEETINGS BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND THE INDONESIANS TODAY AND NONE ARE SCHEDULED FOR THIS EVENING. BENSON SPECULATES THAT PAUSE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IS DUE TO PRESS REPORTS CONCERNING SEC INVESTIGATION OF BURMAH TANKERS.

2. ACCORDING TO BENSON, JAPANESE FAILED TO DISBURSE FIRST DOLLARS 87 MILLION TRANCHE OF LNG FACILITY COST OVERRUN LOAN TODAY AS SCHEDULED. BENSON SAID JAPANESE (OCHIAI OF MITI) TOLD WIJARSO LAST NIGHT THAT GOJ WOULD NOT DISBURSE FIRST TRANCHE PENDING RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON CLARIFYING PRESS

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ALLEGATIONS OF BURMAH TANKERS MISDEEDS.

3. BENSON SAID WIJARSO HAS CABLED ABOVE TO JAKARTA
AND RECOMMENDED THAT INDONESIAN FOREIGN OFFICE CALL IN
JAPANESE AMBASSADOR AND LODGE A STRONG PROTEST.
COMMENT: THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME AMBIGUITY AS TO THE
DEADLINE FOR DISBURSEMENT OF THE FIRST TRANCHE.
BENSON HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD US AUGUST 31 WAS THE
DEADLINE. IT MAY STILL BE.
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